

## 15 FRESH DIVISIONS IMPEDE FOCH PUSH

German Reserves Slow Up  
Allied Progress on Alsace-  
Marne Front.

### MARCH SEES FATE'S HAND

Chief of Staff Believes "Me  
and Gott" Partnership Has  
Been Dissolved.

Special Despatch to THE SUN.  
WASHINGTON, July 24.—Fifteen fresh German divisions thrown into the battle line at Soissons and south of there have impeded the advance of the Allies in that area, according to official information reaching Gen. March, Chief of Staff. The Germans have, however, already lost in the Marne salient during the last week as much ground as they gained in their drive in Flanders last April.

In his conference with the newspaper men today Gen. March, besides discussing the situation on the western front, announced a new plan whereby six new infantry divisions are to be organized in the country during the present month.

These six divisions, Gen. March said, will be organized at Camps Devens, Meade, Sheridan, Custer, Funston and Lewis and will be numerically designated from 9 up to 14. In the organization of these divisions we intend to use as a nucleus in each one of them two regular regiments of infantry which have been taken from the regular regiments still left in the United States guarding utilities, quietly replacing them during the last month or two by home guards.

These regiments are now moving into the designated camps as the National Army moves out. The remaining elements of these divisions will be formed by National Army drafted men.

**Fate on Side of Allies.**  
In discussing the military situation Gen. March drew attention to the fact that in the present counter offensive as well as in the Italian counter offensive against the Austrians fate had played on the side of the Allies.

"It is very interesting to note in connection with this entire movement," said Gen. March, "its similarity to the Austrian advance across the Piave. The enemy having once got committed to the flood came and made further bringing up of supplies difficult and his retreat still more difficult. In the instance of the counter offensive the storm of which you have read concealed the movement of our tanks and made the enemy practically unaware of what was going on. It seems the Lord has got tired of the alleged partnership of Me and Gott."

Military men attach great importance to these evidences that luck is now with the Allies and America on the battle field. They say Napoleon once said that "luck is on the side of the strongest battalions" and that this motto has applied on many occasions during the present war. When the German war machine was running at its maximum power and the Allies were admittedly unprepared luck played consistently with the Germans.

"Now apparently the Prussian war leaders are suffering through luck having been against them in both their latest offensives."

"On Saturday I called your attention to the importance of the railroad system in the salient, from that salient known as influencing the position of the Germans south of the Marne, and while I was talking the Germans were actually withdrawing from that salient across the Marne. Our official accounts indicate that he retreated from this position protected by smoke clouds, and continued his passage at night across the stream as soon as the line of railroad which furnished him with supplies, food, &c., was apparently destined to fall into our hands."

Along the salient here, between the

Marne and Rheims, on the east flank of the salient, the enemy has been pushed back over a ten mile front for an average distance of one and a half to two miles. This has been done by British, French and Italian troops, through a very wooded country and over high ground reaching up something like perhaps five hundred feet above the streams.

"Along the Marne itself the Americans and French have crossed the river at a number of points and now hold villages to the north of the Marne."

"Looking at the larger scale map, the railroad running from Soissons to Chateau Thierry is now either in our hands or under our fire."

### Only One Railroad Left.

"The only way in which the enemy can get out now, or get supplies, is shown by the remaining line running from Nanteuil on the Ourcq to Bazoches on the river Vesle. He may have constructed in addition to that in and along the valleys small temporary field roads, military roads, which would be of an advantage in handling supplies, but his main line of retreat must be along the main railroad."

"That is the only way he can get out large material. It will be observed that it was necessary for him, if he did not intend to be caught absolutely in a pocket, to have troops from advancing and cutting off this road which would put him entirely at the mercy of the allied forces."

"The area in the Marne salient lost by the enemy during the last week is about equal to the area gained by him in the drive in Flanders last April. The small attack by the French, alluded to in their communiqué, as a local affair north of Montdidier, is not of essential importance with reference to the entire game, but it keeps the Germans guessing just the same."

"During this entire counter offensive the American divisions which I have told you about have been constantly engaged and were still engaged at our last official accounts."

### KING GEORGE HELPS STOKE U. S. WARSHIP

Shows He'd Make a Good  
Fireman on Flagship.

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LONDON, July 24.—An incident of the visit of King George to the American battle squadron, which forms part of the British Grand Fleet, shows that he has not forgotten his naval training. After inspecting the crew of the American flagship, the King was conducted through the ship by Rear Admiral Rodman.

Like every other vessel in the Grand Fleet she is always in instant readiness to put to sea. While inspecting her stokeholds the King noted this fact. Admiral Rodman thereupon suggested that he should help to keep the vessel in steam, and the King promptly responded by picking up a shovel and throwing coal into her furnaces in expert, stokerlike fashion.

"It is not the first time I have done this," he remarked laughingly. "You are a lot better fireman than I am," responded the Admiral.

"You must remember," replied the King, "that my naval training was pretty thorough."

**LOAN DRIVE STARTS SEPT. 28.**  
Length of Campaign Reduced to  
Speed Results.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The Treasury virtually has decided to hold the fourth Liberty Loan campaign in the three weeks period between Saturday, September 28, and Saturday, October 19.

The length of the drive will be reduced from the usual four weeks, as recommended by many Liberty Loan workers with the hope of averting the usual slump of interest in the middle of the campaign.

Rat salient officials to choose these dates included the fact that farmers in October probably can make liberal subscriptions from harvest proceeds and that it was desirable to end the campaign a week or two before the November elections. Thousands of candidates for offices are expected to enroll as Liberty Loan speakers, although discussion of political issues will not be tolerated.

## REVOLT SILENTLY BREWS IN COLOGNE

People, Alarmed at Defeats,  
Seek News From Wounded  
Soldiers.

### Special Cable Despatch to THE SUN from the London Times.

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THE HANGAR, July 24.—The people of Cologne are talking in an informal way under their breath of the necessity of a great insurrection, but there is no immediate prospect that it will materialize. The German reports of their offensive were optimistic no longer as there was any chance of concealing the truth. Even last Friday they asserted that they were making good progress, although they had lost 50,000 prisoners to the enemy.

According to a letter from a correspondent in Germany, the Düsseldorf station at the end of the week was the scene of gatherings of people from all parts of the town, who assembled to obtain if possible, some news of the western front from the wounded and other arrivals. The apathy of preceding days has given place to considerable alarm, for no one, least of all the military men, expected such a strong reaction on the part of the Allies.

Optimists are still urging that German headquarters has something up its sleeve and that big results are to be achieved soon, but generally there prevails a noticeable disappointment over the obvious setback to what is still called Germany's decisive offensive.

It would be a mistake, however, to suppose that the people's hearts are altogether in their mouths, for, carefully told, the Marne advance and the present retirement requirement only incidents in one big strategic development.

The expectations of the people at the station were not fulfilled, for the immediate approaches were closed and no one was allowed to enter. A few men on leave, sent home to recover, arrived, but they either could not or would not say anything of the situation. They aroused considerable interest, however, by relating incidents of the last advance several weeks ago.

They mentioned that they had come into contact with the American troops, well equipped and good fighters. "There are plenty of them," said one man, and his audience received the information eagerly.

Later, on the crowded train, there was much discussion regarding the Americans. One old man remarked, "They fooled us again with their chatter about the Americans not coming."

## KING TOLD OF RAID ON ZEPPELIN SHED

British Fliers Leave North  
Sea, Go Far Into Interior  
of Germany.

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LONDON, July 24.—An amazing story of how the British airmen reached Tondorn, in the province of Schleswig, and bombed the Zeppelin sheds in the recent raid made by the British aviators was told King George when he visited the mystery ship of the Grand Fleet. This ship is an airplane carrier, and she took the flying men and their machines to a suitable point off the German coast and in the small hours of the morning several aeroplanes were despatched to destroy the Zeppelin hangars.

Capt. Henry Dixon, a young flight officer, arrived at his destination at dawn and went so low in his search for the hangars that at one time he was within five feet of the ground. He flew along the whole length of the main street and was seen by a milkman, who, taking the machine for a German, stood up in his cart and waved a cheery good morning.

The crews of the German anti-aircraft guns also seem to have mistaken the machine for a German one, for they did not fire. Capt. Dixon went searching for the Zeppelin sheds. He hawked around just above the house tops until he found what looked like the airship shed. Down went a bomb upon it, but the tremendous explosion which followed showed that he had hit an ammunition dump, which was destroyed.

Speeding along, still at a low distance, he came upon the Zeppelin shed and bombed it. Almost instantly there was a fierce conflagration, flames rising almost 1,000 feet. This indicated the nature of the target reached, and as his object had been achieved Capt. Dixon made for his supply ship. The Germans now put up a heavy barrage, but Capt. Dixon reached home with his machine undamaged.

The German barrage gave the direction to the other attacking machines. Capt. Smart, who piloted one of them, saw by the light of the burning hangar that there was a second Zeppelin shed which had escaped direct injury in the first attack. With better guidance than his comrade had found available, but with enemy shells flying thick around him, and compelled to keep a much greater height while launching his missiles, he attacked and blew up the second shed. He returned to the supply ship unscathed.

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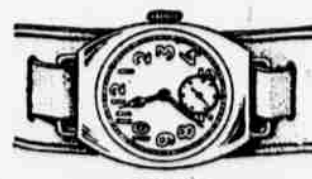
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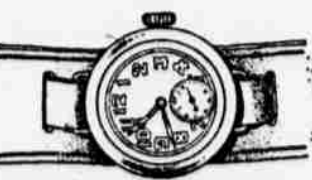
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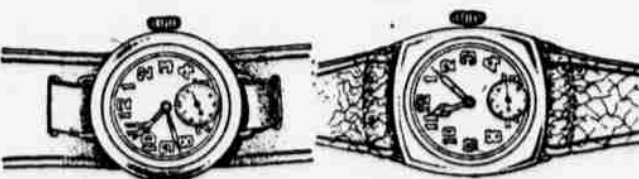


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\$10.50

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